

EXHIBIT A

ABSTRACT

The present invention, which addresses the needs described above, resides in an apparatus and method for coupling vascular apertures to a blood supply vessel in a manner that minimizes the time and operator dependent inconsistency in performing vascular anastomoses. In the coronary setting, this concept is fast and can be applied to both conventional and minimally invasive operative techniques. In the preferred embodiment, the present invention relates to an apparatus and method for facilitating end-to-side vascular anastomoses procedure, whereby the present invention acts as a coupling apparatus between a first, blood supplying hollow organ, e.g. the LIMA, radial artery, or a saphenous vein and the side wall of second hollow organ, typically one of the major coronary arteries, such as the left coronary artery (LCA), right coronary artery (RCA) or the circumflex (CX).